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USUN FOR AMBASSADOR STEVENSON

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SUBJECT: LOS CONSULTATIONS

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1. U.S. LOS EXPERT MYRON ORDQUIST ACCOMPANIED BY DCM AND
EMBASSY LOS OFFICER HELD LENGTHY MEETING JUNE 8 WITH GON
FOREIGN MINISTRY GROUP COMPOSED OF FOREIGN MINISTER MONTIEL,
VICE FOREIGN MINISTER ALEGRIA, SECRETARY GENERAL CASTILLO
AND LEGAL ADVISOR VANEGAS. NORDQUIST GAVE NICARAGUANS
DETAILED EXPLANATION OF USG POSITIONS ON LOS ISSUES AND
ANSWERED THEIR NUMEROUS QUESTIONS ON SPECIFIC POINTS.
AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT HE WAS
HAPPY TO SEE THAT USG AND GON POSITIONS ON LOS WERE IN ACCORD
AND WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT USG STANCE WAS SO FLEXIBLE
AND FORTHCOMING. MONTIEL REITERATED THE GON'S FIRM COMMITMENT
TO THE US POSITION REGARDING UNIMPEDED TRANSIT THROUGH AND
OVER INTERNATIONAL STRAITS. MONTIEL THANKED NORDQUIST FOR
MAKING SPECIAL TRIP TO MANAGUA TO ENABLE GON OFFICIALS TO
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BENEFIT FROM SUCH A FRUITFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AT THIS

OPPORTUNE TIME.

2. MONTIEL INFORMED US THAT GON DELEGATION (AS NAMED IN MANAGUA 2043) WOULD ASSEMBLE IN MANAGUA JUNE 16 AND TRAVEL TO CARACAS JUNE 19. MONTIEL SAID HE WOULD NOT GO TO CARACAS UNTIL JULY 4 AND, PENDING HIS ARRIVAL, DELEGATION WOULD BE HEADED BY AMBASSADOR JOSAIMARIA ZELAYA. MONTIEL SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH AMBASSADOR STEVENSON AND US DELEGATION AT CARACAS AND WOULD INSTRUCT ZELAYA TO DO LIKEWISE.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES VERY TIMELY NORDQUIST VISIT WAS USEFUL IN PREPARING GON OFFICIALS FOR CARACAS AND IN CONFIRMING BASIC AGREEMENT OF GON AND USG POSITIONS ON LOS ISSUES. WE WERE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED AT EXTENT TO WHICH GON HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS UNDERSTOOD LOS ISSUES. THEY HAD OBVIOUSLY CAREFULLY PREPARED FOR MEETING AND HAD ABSORBED AND BENEFITED FROM BRIEFINGS AND MATERIALS WE HAVE GIVEN THEM OVER PAST FEW MONTHS.
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